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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
NOBUYUKI MATSUMOTO ET AL. ) Examiner: Not Yet Assigned  
Application No.: 09/944,137✓ ) Group Art Unit: 2852  
Filed: September 4, 2001 )  
For: LIQUID DISCHARGE HEAD, )  
LIQUID DISCHARGE )  
APPARATUS, VALVE )  
PROTECTION METHOD OF )  
THE SAME LIQUID DISCHARGE )  
HEAD AND MAINTENANCE )  
SYSTEM ) December 14, 2001

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The concise explanation of relevance for the non-English documents can be found in the enclosed English abstracts corresponding to the cited documents.

TO 20 C.F.R. 1.101  
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The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Applications:

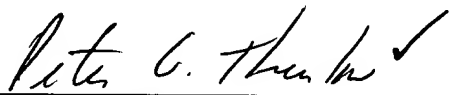
<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>	<u>GROUP ART UNIT</u>
09/625,845	7/26/00	2853

A copy of the cited Application is enclosed.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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